

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

There was an error in the translation of the International Application that was used to draft the Substitute Specification in the current Application. In particular, the description and the claims of the International Application PCT/DE04/01490 (published as WO 2005/002779) states "... wobei ... WLF der Betrag der Wärmeleitfähigkeit ... ist ...." International Application, P. 12, Lns. 15-17; P. 14, Lns. 23-24. This phrase was incorrectly translated to "... WLF is the thermal conductivity ...." See Substitute Specification, ¶¶ [0027] and [0047], Abstract; Preliminary Amendment, Claim 7. The correct translation reads: "WLF is the absolute value of the thermal conductivity".

Accordingly, please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract which correct the above described translation error:

"The invention is directed to a method for splitting a flat ceramic workpiece through provocation of a separation crack due to stresses occurring as a result of temporal and local application of heat by means of laser along a desired splitting line and, following this, a temporal and local removal of heat by means of a coolant, wherein the beam spot length is calculated from the following formula  $l = 8 \times d \times 24 / WLF$ , where  $l$  is the length of the beam spot, WLF is the absolute value of the thermal conductivity of the ceramic to be split, and  $d$  is the thickness of the ceramic to be split, so that the length of the beam spot generated on the workpiece by the laser is selected depending upon the thermal conductivity of the ceramic and upon the thickness of the workpiece. Particularly with workpieces with high internal stress, process parameters such as the laser power or the forward feed speed are changed over the course of the process in order to influence the magnitude of the induced thermal stresses."

As the above amendments relate to an error in the translation, and are thus fully supported by the International Application, no new matter was added by the above amendments.